

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Without acceding to the rejection under § 103, Claims 1-3 and 6-13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to reduce the issues. Claim 14 has been amended to address the alleged informality therein. Support for the amendment to Claim 14 may be found, for example, on page 10, line 9 through page 13, line 23 of the specification.

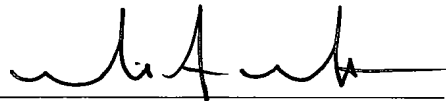
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and should now be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-10006) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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